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SUBJECT: ALLIED MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL

1. AT A MEETING TODAY WITH FRENCH ARMAMENTS DIRECTOR,
DELPECH, DASD GL,TMAN DISCUSSED WITH HIM CRITICAL NEED FOR
ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES MODERNIZA-
TION PLAN.

2. DELPECH EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ALLIED EFFORT, SAID HE
THOUGHT FRANCE HAD PROVIDED SOME PAST ASSISTANCE TO PORTU-
GUESE IN AREAS OF SUBMARINES AND HELICOPTERS, BUT WAS NOT
FAMILIAR WITH CURRENT PORTUGUESE-ALLIED MODERNIZATION EF-
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3. DELPECH WAS PROVIDED WITH FACT SHEET ON PORTUGUESE MODERNIZATION PLAN, FRG AND US CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE, AND ITEMS WHICH PORTUGUESE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE WOULD NEED. GLITMAN ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FRENCH WOULD CONSIDER WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE TO STRENGTHEN OUR PORTUGUESE ALLY.

4. DELPECH WAS RECEPTIVE TO APPROACH AND SUGGESTED THAT, IN ADDITION TO MAINTENANCE OF SUBMARINES AND HELICOPTERS, FRENCH MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER SOME ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING PORTUGUESE ACQUISITION OF FRG-FRENCH MILAN ANTI-TANK MISSILE. HE PROMISED TO GET BACK IN TOUCH WITH US THROUGH FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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